MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
15 September 1971

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10:00 Convene, 708 Jackson Place,N.W.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 1971 Meeting

2. Dates of Next Meetings - 20 October and 17 November

3. Appropriations for FY 1973

SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

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      (3) Animal Exhibits (Polar Bears, Monkeys, Manetees, Hawks, Lions and Tigers)

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   c. Paving in front of Renwick Gallery

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   b. Radar Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory

3. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

   Old Georgetown Act

   a. Georgetown University Intensive Care Center, Revised Design

   b. Office Building on Georgetown Waterfront - Hartman and Cox, architects (Wisconsin Ave. & K St. - Water Street)

   c. Appendix 1

Shipstead-Luce Act

a. Appendix 2

b. Southwest Communications Center Addition, 30 E St., S.W.

c. St. John's Church - 16th Street & H St., NW - Lighting

d. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Office Building - Working Drawings (SL 72-12) 600 5th St., N.W.

e. Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company Parking Garage, 51 Louisiana Ave., N.W. - S.L. 72-11

f. Development of Southwest Waterfront:

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(2) SL 72-10, 951 Maine Avenue, S.W. - Flagship Restaurant - Construct new restaurant building on existing concrete deck-complete interior improvements for existing garage structure below deck.

4. D. C. Redevelopment Land Agency

Southwest Waterfront Graphics

5. D. C. Government, Department of General Services

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6. Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget

Seal for Environment Protection Agency - Proposed Design

LEGISLATION

H.R. 9801 - 7/14/71-Mr. Gray-92nd Congress

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
15 September 1971

1. *CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W.*

The Commission met pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m., William Walton, Chairman, presiding.

Members present: *William Walton, Chairman*
Kevin Roche
Edward Stone, Jr.
John Walker

Staff present: *Charles H. Atherton, Secretary*
Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
William Bogan
Sibley Jennings
Marylyn Shaw
Lynda Smith

2. *ADMINISTRATION*

a. Minutes of the July 8, 1971 meeting were approved.

b. The date for the next meeting was tentatively set for November 17th.

c. Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1973 were discussed by the Secretary. The Commission's budget request for personnel and travel expenses was approved at $125,000, an increase of $4,000 over the previous fiscal year. The Commission approved the budget as presented.

3. *SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS*

a. <u>General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service</u>

(1) Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park Master Plan - Proposal by Architects Faulkner, Fryer and Vanderpool.

The Secretary presented this plan as the fourth effort to achieve a master plan for the zoo in recent years. The plan, which included natural elements with a minimum of buildings attempted to sympathize with the original Olmsted plan for the zoo. Parking decks screened and built into the slope of Rock Creek Valley would increase parking from 1100 cars to 2400 or 3000. The Zoo Metro Station, two new bridges and the "crocodile train" route were subjects the Commission members discussed. They also questioned the plan to locate a restaurant-administration facility across the original entrance to the Zoo. The Commission reserved action until an interview with the architects.

(2) U.S. Tax Court, 3d and D Streets, N.W. - Site Relocation

This previously approved design by Victor Lundy was presented by the Secretary who explained that it was planned for a new site just west of the original site. This was necessitated by the impossibility of relocating portions of Federal City College which are located on the original site. The building would be reoriented 180° and would have an access street at the rear. The design included a landscaped air-rights park and plaza in front of the building to the east and over the center leg of the inner loop freeway. The Commission reserved action until the problem of access could be discussed with the architect later in the day.

(3) Paving in Front of the Renwick Gallery, 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

The Commission approved the proposal by Architect Hugh Newell Jacobson for brick paving on the Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street sides of the Gallery with a strip of brownstone paving running from the main entrance steps to the curb on Pennsylvania Avenue. Exhibit A.

b. U.S. Navy, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

(1) Expansion of Marine Barracks, 8th and Eye Sts., S.E.

The Secretary presented architect Gyo Obata's Scheme for expanding the historic headquarters of the Marine Corps. Two brick towers connected by a low wing with substantial underground parking would be across Eye Street from the existing complex and between the Southeast Freeway and Eye Street. The Commission did not feel the design was exceptional nor the site adequate, but reserved final action until an interview later with the architect.

(2) Radar Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, on the Potomac

The Secretary presented the simple office-type structure to the Commission, stating that it followed the previously approved master plan and architectural details existing on the site. The Commission approved the design as submitted.

c. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

(1) Old Georgetown Act

(a) Georgetown University Intensive Care Center, Revised Design

The Secretary presented a model, photographs and drawings, showing a restudy of the previously disapproved design. Included in the presentation material were photographs of a series of volume studies made by the architects, Smith, Hinchman and Grylles. The recommended design included an expanded southern podium and full development in

height and bulk of all other planned facilities. The Commission questioned the volumes presented, feeling that the project still suffered from a problem of scale, but withheld action until an interview with the architects.

(b) Office Building on Georgetown Waterfront, Wisconsin and K Sts., N.W.

The Secretary presented a model and drawings for this large brick faced commercial structure with interior parking, three levels of inner court shops and luxury office suites with riverfront balconies. The sloping facade and interior court concrete structure were designed to complement existing, adjacent, historic structures. The building was designed within legal limits of height, zoning, etc. and the Commission of Fine Arts was obliged to act on the merits of the design within 45 days. After discussion of the design, particularly the roof structures, the Commission approved it.

(c) Appendix 1, actions by the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown, was approved. Exhibit B.

(2) Shipstead-Luce Act

(a) Appendix 2 was approved.

(b) Southwest Communications Center Addition, 30 E St., S.W.

A vertical expansion of this structure had been approved with an earlier submission. The Commission confirmed its previous approval.

(c) St. John's Church, 16th and H Sts., N.W. - Lighting of Facade.

Submission was informally received in a letter from the Rector to Mr. John Walker, suggesting illumination of the 16th St. facade only. The Commission felt that illuminating the building from H as well as 16th St. would be preferable. Mr. Roche suggested internal illumination only. There was insufficient information and no formal application. The Commission took no action.

(d) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Office Building - Working Drawings (SL 72-12) 600 5th St., N.W.

Approved.

(e) Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company Parking Garage, 51 Louisiana Ave., N.W. (SL 72-11)

Approved.

(f) Development of Southwest Waterfront

(1.1.) SL 72-4, 650 Water St., S.W. - Channel Inn

Motel and Restaurant.

The Commission had no objection to slight modification of previously approved design.

(2.2) SL 72-10, 951 Maine Ave., S.W., Flagship Restaurant

The design for this building had been previously approved by the Commission but had been resubmitted with modifications to the roof and cornice. The Commission felt that it could not approve the design pending evidence that no mechanical equipment would be visible on the roof.

d. D. C. Redevelopment Land Agency, Southwest Waterfront - Graphics

The Secretary presented a prototype and drawings of a graphics system for the Southwest Waterfront commercial area. Public and traffic signs proposed, as well, would follow "International Symbols." This portion of the submission was approved. The Commission felt that the commercial sign system was jumbled and hard to read. Though they generally favor controlled coordinated signing and have indicated this to R.L.A. the Commission had no objection to the Hogate sign as presented, but felt that a systematic approach with less jumble and more individual variety would be preferable. Each sign should be considered on its own merits. Exhibit C.

e. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

(1) Benning Stoddert Recreation Facility, Benning and C Sts., S.E.

The one floor concrete design by Luther Brunner, architect, had been disapproved previously. The resubmission indicated a rearrangement of some elements and a modified roof. The Secretary presented the model and drawings and explained the modifications. The Commission felt that the new design did not represent an improvement over the previous submission and disapproved it.

(2) Shaw Branch Library, 7th St., R St. and Rhode Island Ave., N.W.

The Secretary presented this brick, two floor, triangular structure located on a small, difficult site, to the Commission which disapproved it on the basis of the scale and relation of elements. The architects, Cross and Adrian, had prepared a scheme with a vertical grill on the acute corner, long solid brick side walls pierced with square openings and a glass vertically divided entrance facade flanked by stair towers. The Commission questioned the site adequacy and the possibility of a smaller, higher structure.

f. Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.

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Approved.

g. Legislation

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Approved.

4. INTERVIEWS

a. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

(1) U.S. Tax Court Relocation

The architect, Victor Lundy, presented the project. The Tax Court was represented by Judges Drennen, Irwin and Atkins.

Mr. Roche spoke for the Commission and questioned access to the building from the west. The Chairman strongly recommended that the architect provide access from that side. Mr. Lundy agreed and the Commission approved the project with the provision that entrances be provided from the west. Exhibit D.

(2) National Zoological Park Master Plan

The project was presented by Mr. Avery Faulkner, the architect, and Mr. Lester Collins, the landscape architect. Mr. James Bradley represented the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Collins presented the history of planning for the Zoo and discussed their designs for the Master Plan, Parking Facilities, and Animal Exhibits. Mr. Stone spoke for the Commission and found the plan excellent but recommended against a glass elevator on the side of the Calvert Street Bridge. There was some discussion about locating the Zoo subway stop closer to the Zoo. The Commission approved the Master Plan concept and conveyed their hope for continued review as the project advances. Ehibit E.

b. U.S. Navy, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

(1) Expansion of Marine Barracks, 8th and Eye Sts., S.E.

Mr. Obata, the architect, presented the project. The Navy was represented by Commander Booth. The Commission reluctantly gave approval to the scheme after some general discussion about the cramped

site.

As a separate issue the Chairman then asked Mr. Obata about the progress of the Air and Space Museum. The Commission was concerned he explained, about the massiveness and lack of scale of the original submission. Mr. Obata indicated that his design for the Mall Space Museum was under redesign and that it would be smaller and of a more suitable scale in relation to other buildings on the Mall. He stated that the design would be submitted to the Commission in the near future. Exhibit F.

(2) Naval Research Laboratory, Radar Laboratory

The Secretary informed Commander Booth that this project had been approved.

(3) D.C. Government, Office of Economic Development

Georgetown University Hospital Intensive Care Unit

Georgetown University was represented by its Vice President, Mr. Hansen, and members of the architectural firm of Hinchman and Grylles. Mr. Roche spoke for the Commission stating that they found the scale of the multiple cube solution unsuitable. After extensive discussion with the architects the Commission recommended restudy with a "gentler" scale.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

October 13, 1971

Dear Mr. Michaels:

This letter will confirm the September 15th approval by the Commission of Fine Arts of brick paving in front of the Renwick Gallery.

As you know from conversation with Mr. Atherton, Executive Secretary of the Commission, the Commission's understanding is that the paving would match that on the remainder of the block except for an area of brownstone paving immediately in front of the entrance steps.

Sincerely yours,

Donald B. Myer
Assistant Secretary

Mr. A. F. Michaels
Director, Buildings Management
Department
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit A.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 71-		
155	3400-3406 R St., N.W. Roger Stevens	Four new dwellings.
ACTION: Recommended provided brick sample is approved and details for millwork, fanlights, etc. are submitted for approval as developed. Also recommended provided that 6 & 12" setbacks on R St. elevation be omitted. Request a revised plan be submitted for approval as developed with above mentioned details. 7/14/71		
156	3413 P St., N.W.	Alterations
ACTION: Recommended for garage design; not recommended for stair design, gate location, parapet return and lamps. See previous action. 6/24/71		
157	2243 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Stackig, Sanderson & White	4'x4' plastic sign w/black copy flush wall mounted. 15"x15" ribbon style black baked enamel aluminum letter flush pin mounted.
ACTION: Returned. Not in OG Territory.		
158	3412 Prospect St., N.W. Catherine Ryan	Remove existing steps and retaining walls in front of house. Relocate entrance to ground level. Replace existing door with window and change windows on ground floor. Make entrance court w/brick paving, enclosed by retaining wall on west side and screen wall on east sid
ACTION: Returned for accurate drawing showing work as proposed by owner. 7/15/71		
72-1	3210 N St., N.W. Chatel & Wise & Gilliat	Install window in second floor bathroom.
ACTION: No objection to reopening of old window provided it matches existing windows. 7/15/71		
2	1319 34th St., N.W. David Bartholomew Chase	Construct new roof approximately 3 ft. abv existing roof (to be removed) over front portion of bldg. Add windows on south side of bldg. and increase height of walls.
ACTION: Returned for further study. Recommend plane of windows be set back approx. 18" fr face of wall. Suggest supporting roof structure on 8" brick piers, or other suitable scheme. Careful study of all structural details recommended. 7/15/71		

Exhibit B.

3 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W.
Georgetown University Hospital
New screen for roof air handling equipment.
ACTION: Recommend brick enclosure to screen air conditioning equipment. Rqst submission of dwg for review. 7/15/71

4 3034 M St., N.W.
Rodney Rose
Remove garage doors, install new windows and d0ors.
ACTION: Not recommended. Restudy design, adhering to and respecting existing character of building, which is one of the better examples of this type of architecture in Georgetown.

5 1357-59 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Edw. H. Fawsett, trustee
Alter Wisconsin Ave. exterior wall to provide
ACTION: Recommended, 8/4/71

7 1737 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
The Stereo Set
Two single faced signs mounted flat against wall.
ACTION: Returned for a clear and accurate drawing showing exact location of signs on building in relation to windows. 8/4/71

8 3056 M St., N.W.
See previous submission
Sign

9 3412 Prospect St., N.W.
Catherine Ryan
Remove existing steps and retaining walls in front of house. Relocate to ground level. Make entrance court w/brick paving, enclosed by new retaining wall on west side and screen wall on east side.
ACTION: Recommended. 8/4/71

10 1319 34th St., N.W.
David B. Chase
Remove existing roof over front part of building. Increase height of existing front and part of north and south walls. Add new windows on south side. Construct new roof approximately 3 ft. higher than existing roof.
ACTION: Recommend restudy w/continuous strip of windows set back 12" from face of brick. 8/4/71

11 3278 M St., N.W.
Oscar Daniel
Canvas Covered Canopy Awning
ACTION: No objection. 8/4/71

12 1416 33d St., N.W.
One story addn over new private garage.
ACTION: No objection to preliminary drawing. Rqst subm of working dwgs. 8/4/71

14 2726 N St., N.W.
Mr. and Mrs. John U. Nef

Concrete structure in garden to support mosaic by Chagall.

ACTION: Concrete garden structure not recommended. Suggest restudy w/suitable painted brick structure. Submit landscape plan. 8/12/71

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16 1319 34th St., N.W.
David Bartholomew Chase

Remove existing roof over front part of bldg. Construct new roof approximately 3 ft. above existing. Raise walls, add windows on south side of bldg.

ACTION: Recommend Scheme B. Suggest smaller steel column or square steel column. No further submissions required. 8/13/71

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17 3056 M St., N.W.
Ga-Zang

Sign reading Ga-Zang Organic Groceries in Black Roman 10" ltrs on antique white plyboard.

ACTION: No objection to sign provided "O's" are vertical. 8/11/71

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18 3039 M St., N.W.
Junior League of Washington

Construction of new 2nd flr extension on existing roof w/utility, site and architectural improvements to the existing bldg.

ACTION: Recommend. Match new brick to existing brick on bldg. 8/12/71.

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19 3602 Prospect St., N.W.
Don Hawkins

3 story addition to rear of existing dwelling.

ACTION: Not recommended. Character unsuitable. Suggest further study without large, reflecting, sloping glass surfaces. Recommend closer harmony w/materials, scale and rhythm of adjacent strip of houses. 8/12/71

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21 3400 R St., N.W.
Russell Eldridge

Build brick retaining wall w/7' cedar fence on top of wall.

ACTION: Approved. 9/13/71

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
26	2726 N St., N.W. John and Evelyn Nef	Erect garden structure to receive mosaic.

ACTION: Recommended provided that brick work is paainted to match the Nef house. 9/13/71

20	3209 M St., N.W. National Bank of Washington	Wood Fence ?

ACTION: Recommended. 9/13/71

22	3602 Prospect St., N.W. Sam Bialek	Three story brick addition to rear of residence as per dwgs.

ACTION: General scheme much improved. Recommend further study of rear elevation with some recognition of floor levels on large glassed area. Also request submission of model showing proposed wok. 9/13/71

13	1334 29th St., N.W. Mt. Zion Methodist Church	Replace existing stained glass window panes w/colored plastic and new frames.

ACTION: After careful consideration and inspection of the proposal to replace the windows of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, the Old Georgetown Board of Architectural Consultants recommends the following: Since the church is a historically important structure in Georgetown and a fine example of its architectural style, it is hoped that the existing windows can be retained and restored. The Board feels they have both historic and artistic merit. If there would be no feasible way to retain the old windows, the Board recommends a design more in keeping with the architecture of the building and the geometry of the original glass. 9/13/71

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

NO SL 72-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
3	400 12th St., S.W. Penn Central Transp. Co.	Request to occupy public space temporarily for purposes of parking cars.
ACTION: No objection provided present row of trees remain and no signs or other obstructions be erected on property.		
5	2059 Park Road, N.W. Frank Karel Stovicek	Alterations to house.
ACTION: Approved. 8/11/71		
6	2605 24th St., N.W. Anthony Natole	Install signs as per attached sketches.
ACTION: Disapproved. Not in accordance with building codes set forth in Shipstead-Luce Act. 8/13/71		
8	101 D St., S.E. Samuel Zola	Interior alterations. Fill certain masonry openings, paint brick and trim medium to dark gray.
ACTION: Approved.		
9	1750 New York Ave., N.W. United Unions, Inc.	Five signs to be part of fence around new construction.
ACTION: Approved provided that 2 corner signs are reduced in height to top of fence, that 12" painted letters on sign parallel to 18th St. be eliminated, and that internal illumination of sign be omitted. Request resubmission of drawings for review. 8/26/71		
7	200 3rd St., S.E. M.T. Wiegand and H. H. Wilson	Exterior sign and gold-leaf lettering applied to windo
ACTION: Approved provided sign near cornice be relocated over door and under windows, reducing it in size in order to fit properly. 9/9/71		

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

12	600 5th St., N.W. WMATA	New Open Control Building and Office Space, 8 stories and penthouse.
ACTION: Approved. 9/13/71		
13	1616 Portal Dr., N.W.	Single family dwelling
ACTION: Returned for photographs showing existing site. 9/13/71		
14	2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Watergate east Inc.	Repair of existing entrance canopy including new roofing, alum. fascia, plaster soffit and recessed lighting.
ACTION: Approved. 9/13/71		

October 26, 1971

Dear Mister Mister:

At its September 15, 1971 meeting, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed and approved use of "International" symbols for auto control on the Southwest Waterfront.

With respect to the coordinated commercial sign system, the Commission has no objection to its use on Hogates Restaurant and is generally in favor of this coordinated technique. A less jumbled design would be encouraged in further development of this scheme and the individual personalities of the various establishments ought to come through at least as strongly as proposed.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Melvin Mister
Director
D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit C.

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October 26, 1971

Dear Mr. Kunzig:

This will confirm the Commission's approval of site change for the U.S. Tax Court. As you know, the Commission, at its meeting on September 15th, made this approval conditional upon giving the building access from the west.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Robert L. Kunzig
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit D.

November 23, 1971

Dear Dr. Reed:

This is to confirm the Commission's approval of the preliminary Master Plan, Parking, and Animal Exhibit designs submitted on September 15th. We look forward to following the development of these plans and especially the administration-restaurant facility on Connecticut Avenue which should blend more naturally into the existing character of the entrance than shown on the preliminary.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Dr. Theodore H. Reed
Director
National Zoological Park
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Washington, D.C. 20009

Exhibit E.

November 23, 1971

Dear Mr. White:

This will confirm the Commission's September 15th approval of designs for expanding the Marine Barracks at 8th and Eye Sts., S.E.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Exhibit F.